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1. HIGH LEVEL NIGC SOURCE SAYS PRESENT PRICE OF IRANIAN GAS TO USSR IS 30.7 CENTS PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET, NOT, RPT NOT, 35 CENTS AS NIOC CONTACT PREVIOUSLY TOLD US. 30.7 CENT PRICE, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS SET FOR AN IMPOSSIBLY HIGH BTU CONTENT GAS, SO MAY BE OVERSTATED IN PRACTICE. NIGC NOW EXCHANGING CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOVIETS ON GAS PRICES. WHILE NIGC CANNOT REVEAL NEGOTIATING POSITION, SOURCE SAID NIGC WILL PUSH FOR DRAMATIC INCREASE AND SOME CONTRACT CHANGES, AND SUGGESTS THAT WITHOUT CITING IRANIAN SOURCES, YOU ADVISE AFGHANS TO WAIT FOR CONCLUSION OF IRAN-USSR TALKS.

2. EMBASSY SO FAR UNABLE TO OBTAIN PRECISE DATA ON IRAN
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PRODUCTS EXPORTS TO AFGHANISTAN. NIOC SOURCES WOULD ONLY SAY

QUANTITY IS ROUGHLY 20,000 TONS A YEAR (I.E. AVERAGE OF SOME
400 B/D) FROM KERMANSHAH REFINERY, AND PRICES ARE "RELATED
TO" PERSIAN GULF EXPORT PRICES.
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